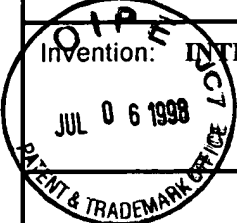


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Please add the following new claims:

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--(New) 40. An alpha-interferon-conjugate, comprising an alpha-interferon having attached thereto an amount of a substantially non-antigenic polymer so that said conjugate has a T_{max} at least about 4 times greater than unmodified alpha-interferon measured under the same conditions.

41. The conjugate of claim 40, wherein said conjugate has a T_{max} at least about 8 times greater than unmodified alpha-interferon measured under the same conditions.

42. An alpha-interferon-conjugate, comprising an alpha-interferon having attached a substantially non-antigenic polymer so that said conjugate has an AUC at least about 10 times greater than unmodified alpha-interferon measured under the same conditions.

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43. The conjugate of claim 40, wherein said substantially non-antigenic polymer is a polyalkylene oxide.